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1. IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE NATO STUDY INVOLVING RED ARMY TERRORISM (REFTEL), DEPARTMENT IS COMPILING MATERIAL FROM VARIETY OF SOURCES, INCLUDING OTHER AGENCIES, WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR US INPUT INTO STUDY. AS FORESEEN IN REFTEL, GOJ MIGHT BE APPROACHED DIRECTLY BY NATO STUDY GROUP. IN MEANTIME, WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EMBASSY'S COMMENT ON FOLLOWING AVENUES OF INVESTIGATION.

2. TOKYO 12250 CONTAINS USEFUL LIST OF POSSIBLE RED ARMY

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TERRORIST AND OTHER RADICAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERS. WOULD

BE HELPFUL IF JAPANESE SECURITY AGENCIES COULD PINPOINT CERTAIN OR PROBABLE RED ARMY INDIVIDUALS ON THE LIST AND COULD PROVIDE BASIC IDENTIFYING DATA (MINIMUM: DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH).

3. INTERVIEW FILM REVIEWED IN TOKYO 10518 (AUGUST 16, 1973) IS DRAMATIC EVIDENCE OF VIRULENCE OF RED ARMY. WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY COULD FOLLOW UP PROSPECT OF COPY OF FILM WITH VICE MINISTER BUNSEI SATO WITH VIEW TO GETTING COPY FOR USE IN NATO CONTEXT.

4. DOES EMBASSY HAVE BRIEF STATUS REPORT ON RED ARMY WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL IN PROSPECTIVE NATO DISCUSSIONS? WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ESTIMATE ON NUMERICAL RED ARMY STRENGTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THREAT CONCENTRATION, CURRENT CATEGORIES OF TARGETS, LIKELY DEMANDS IN HOSTAGE SITUATIONS, SERIOUSNESS OF GOJ IN PURSUING RED ARMY TYPES ABROAD, INTEREST IN EXTRADITION OF THOSE WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES, ETC.

5. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN TOKYO 12425 MUCH APPRECIATED.

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